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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YASUHISA HAGIWARA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/JP04/10977)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: CONTINUOUS CASTING :
METHOD, CAST MEMBER,
METAL WORKED ARTICLE, AND
CONTINUOUS CASTING
APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.